

## HEAVY DAMAGE DONE BY FLAMES SUNDAY NIGHT AT STAR MINE

**Boiler House, Power House and Part of Tipple Burned—Loss \$15,000 or More**

**DYNAMOS DESTROYED**

**Valuable Machinery Damaged—Many Men Thrown Out of Work and Mine Will be Closed Indefinitely**

Fire caused it is claimed by carelessness of repair men in leaving a blaze near the boiler house occasioned damage to the extent of about \$15,000 at the Star mine of the Harvester-Walker company near Courtney at about 12 o'clock Sunday night. Much valuable machinery was destroyed in addition to the boiler house, the power house and about five spans of the tipple. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

It is asserted that repair men have been at work preparing for the installation of a new boiler at the boiler house. They had a fire going Sunday night near the boiler house, and it is told went away for a short time leaving it. When they returned the boiler house was in flames.

The power house and other out-buildings quickly caught fire, and because of the grease and coal dust burned rapidly. The tipple became ignited. There is no efficient fire fighting apparatus and the puny efforts of the men failed in extinguishing the blaze.

It is difficult to say when the mine will again start up. Between 300 and 500 men were employed. They will be thrown out of work. The payroll at the Star mine was about \$8,000 every two weeks. This will be a serious blow to Monongahela, where most of the taxic from the mining settlement went. It may be that the mine will not be opened up again until the Pittsburg and Lake Erie railroad is extended through the Mingo valley, and then it is stated a new opening may be made.

## TEMPERANCE DRAMA AT PALACE THEATRE

"The Drunkard's Reformation," a gripping temperance photoplay, will be a special feature at the Palace Theatre tonight. This great feature shows the evils of intemperance in a most vivid manner, and the evolutionary stages in which the great scourge of the civilized world gets its insidious hold on its victims, until it finally "biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." It affords a most impressive temperance lecture. This great feature is in three reels.

### Will Probated.

In the estate of Marie Gault, late of Charleroi, her will has been probated and letters issued to N. Etta Gault, a daughter, who is given the estate.

### Saved From Drink.

The Drunkard's Reformation, three reels Palace Theatre tonight. 145-1

## MINISTERS FORM MARRIAGE TRUST

**Such is Charge of James O'Hara, of Cumberland and James, Being a Cabby Ought to be Qualified to Know**

A regularly organized marriage trust with a number of ministers as the leaders is said to exist at Cumberland, Md., a popular Gettysburg, since Youngstown as a get-married-quick place was wiped from the map. James E. O'Hara, an automobile driver is the informant, and from the bitterness of his accusation, it seems that James is on the outside of something good, where his advantage would be in being in the inside.

According to O'Hara, who gave testimony to the Connellsville Courier ministers board trains before the trains get to Cumberland, spot elop-

ing couples, take them in tow whether they want to be taken in tow or not, and charge liberally for their services. The standard rate for the "trust," O'Hara says is \$10 per hitch. Out of this comes one dollar for the marriage license, \$4.50 for the minister and \$4.50 for the cabman.

Certain cabmen claim the scheme is not a good one for them because couples find it cheaper to get married at home. They argue that there has been a falling off of trade, and have considered asking the Cumberland councils to put a stop to the "trust" formed by the itinerant ministers.

## PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE MEN OF WASHINGTON DISTRICT MEET IN ANNUAL BANQUET

The Prudential Insurance company of American tendered their annual banquet and business meeting to the Washington district at Hotel Monier Saturday afternoon and the affair was one of the best and most enjoyable events of the kind ever held in this district.

Over sixty were present including superintendents, assistants superintendents, agents and their ladies from Washington, Monongahela, Charleroi, Brownsville, Fredericktown and surrounding towns. The honor guests

were C. Olozoga, division manager, from Newark, N. J.; P. F. Airhart, superintendent McKeesport district, and W. G. Bechger, superintendent Pittsburg No. 3 district. Music was furnished by Wheeler's orchestra. A tenor solo was sung by Earl Atkins of Monongahela. Miss Rachel Carroll of Monongahela elocutionist, gave readings. Very interesting talks were given by different persons. Division Manager Olozoga spoke of the wonderful growth and success of the company during the past year which was the largest in the history.

## GREAT SECRET OUT; VOTES GO FOR ROOSEVELT

**Electors of Pennsylvania to Hold Meeting at Harrisburg—Thomas to be Present**

Goodloe H. Thomas, of the Moneysen Friday Evening Call left Sunday evening for Harrisburg to participate in the casting of votes for president by the electors of the State. Everybody knows what the result of the meeting of electors will be. Roosevelt gets the vote in Pennsylvania. Officially President-elect Woodrow Wilson isn't elected President until the electors of the several states have met, cast their votes, and had them reported and tabulated at the national capital.

### Drama in Three Parts.

The Drunkard's Reformation, Palace Theatre tonight. 145-1

Some people spend more money accidentally than most people do purposely.

## W. AND J. NAMES INSTRUCTOR TO FILL VACANCY

Prof. J. Clyde McGregor, of Wheeling, W. Va., an alumnus of the institution, has been named instructor of Political Science and History at Washington & Jefferson college, to fill the temporary vacancy caused by the election to congress from the Twenty-fourth, Pennsylvania district, of Dr. Henry W. Temple, who has held this professorship for some years.

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of W. & J., Dr. Temple was granted a two-years' leave of absence, commencing with next term. Professor McGregor graduated from Washington & Jefferson in 1905 and for several years afterward was instructor in history in the Wheeling High school. For some months he has been teaching and studying at the University of Pennsylvania, pursuing special work in history and political science as a candidate for the degree of Philosophy (Ph. D.). He was given his Master's degree by his alma mater, W. & J.

## JURY ADVISES THAT LIGHTS BE MADE SAFE

Recommendations were embodied in the finding of the coroner's jury at Donora Friday in the investigation into the death of John Sukel, that the West Penn Electric company adopt a better system of wiring for the Webster-Donora bridge. The present system, it is claimed is not safe for travelers. Sukel, it was ascertained, was electrocuted when he tried to remove a live wire lying in the claimed on the floor of the bridge. It is said the same light has been lowered on several previous occasions by passersby and the jury considered that the company should take some means to prevent these occurrences.

## STORK IS THE WINNER

**Year's Statistics Show Three Times More Births Than Deaths**

**LOWER THAN IN 1911**

**Records Made During Summer—Low Month for Mortality is July**

There were more than three times as many births as deaths in the Charleroi district comprising Charleroi borough, Fallowfield township and Twilight borough during the year 1912. Monthly reports furnished the Mail by the registrar of vital statistics, Dr. Edwin McKay, tabulated show the number of births to be 343, and deaths 113. In 1911 there were 380 births and 149 deaths. The percentage of deaths compared to the number of births was greater in that year than in 1912. Following are the figures for the year:

	Births	Deaths
January	20	11
February	29	8
March	27	12
April	31	11
May	26	8
June	33	8
July	33	4
August	20	6
September	24	16
October	38	9
November	35	11
December	27	9
Total	343	113

Of course a majority of both the births and deaths occurred in Charleroi although both Fallowfield and Twilight contributed their lot. Some unusual figures are shown through the year. For instance in July there was a remarkably low death rate and a high birth rate, the deaths being four, and births 33. The high month for deaths was September with 16 and the high month for births October with 38. The number of births for the first half of the year was 166 and for the latter half 177. Deaths numbered 58 the first half of the year and 55 the last half.

## SHE WAS WILLIN' TO BE HIS'N BUT HE WAS TOO SLOW

Availing she faithfully promised to marry him and is still willing and ready to carry out that promise, Caroline Urbanczyk has filed a suit at Washington against Nicholas Bawel, of the county seat claiming \$5,000 damages for alleged breach of promise. A capias has been issued for the defendant and bail fixed at \$1,000. The plaintiff claims that notwithstanding she has remained single and has always been willing and ready to carry out her promise of marriage alleged to have been made on April 9, 1911, to the defendant, the latter has failed to carry out his part of the agreement and has persistently refused to marry her.

## PREPARING PETITIONS FOR STARTING RURAL DELIVERY ROUTE HERE

Petitions to be presented to the postoffice department asking that a rural delivery route be started from Charleroi are being signed in Charleroi. They have met with ready response and practically all who have been asked have signed. The petitions will be presented as soon as possible.

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## LOWLAND RESIDENTS FRIGHTENED BY FLOOD

**Loads of Beer Rather Noisy**

**Two Taken in at Police Station With Considerable Difficulty Saturday**

Two loads of beer were taken in at the police station with considerable noise and difficulty Saturday night. Two men were the loads. They had evidently been where beer was on draught and had sat in the draft. They took a notion to resist arrest and did so, to their discomfort, for they not only were landed in the borough bastille, but were also forced to undergo a sentence of a fine of \$10 and costs or a short term in the lock-up. One chose the former and one the latter. Saturday night there were nine arrests, Sunday there were two arrests for fighting.

## LOCK NO. 6 TO BE REBUILT

**Rivers and Harbors Committee Recommends Appropriation**

**BILL EXPECTED TO PASS**

In the rivers and harbors bill to go to the House of Representatives this week \$178,200 is contained for the rebuilding of Lock No. 6 in the Monongahela river. This is a little more than Gen. Bixby of the United States Army engineers recommended and less than the coal interests asked for. Of the \$40,800,000 to be carried in the bill for rivers and harbors work, \$5,000,000 will be allowed the Ohio, to further the system of locks and dams and to give the river a nine-foot stage. The Allegheny river will get \$300,000. The money for the the Allegheny river is not to become available until the Army engineers are satisfied that the bridges will be raised.

The appropriation for Lock No. 6 means if passed that the government will have on hands the rebuilding of two locks, work already having been started at Lock No. 4. It is hardly likely that both locks would be rebuilt at once, but rather that the local lock would be finished first. The appropriation for Lock No. 6 would be sufficient for the rebuilding of the entire lock.

### Notice.

The Ladies Aid Society of the First Presbyterian church will do any kind of plain sewing, children's clothes, dressing gowns, etc. Leave orders for sewing with Mrs. J. K. Smith at Fifth and Washington avenue. 145-46

**Second Raise of River Within Five Days Occurs Sunday**

**OHIO GOES ON RAMPAGE**

**People Living on Down River Points Chased From Their Homes by High Water**

For the second time within five days the Monongahela river was flooded Sunday. At Lock No. 4 Sunday evening at 6 o'clock water was up to within a foot of the stage it attained last Wednesday. After reaching this stage, 29.7 feet, it began slowly to recede.

It was reported Sunday night that certain Pittsburg streets were under water, and reports came from down the Ohio river of great havoc. The ground is soaked from the rains and floods of the fore part of last week, and the smaller contributory streams or the Monongahela, Allegheny and Ohio rivers are filled with water. A little rain Saturday and Sunday night did the damage. On the lower Ohio rivers the flood of last week had not yet attained its greatest stage, and the coming of the water of Sunday night in back of it created a worse flood than was at first feared.

In the vicinity of Cincinnati the people are being driven from their homes by the invading waters from the muddy Monongahela and cranky Allegheny rivers. Cincinnati business men have suffered heavy loss. A 60-foot stage of water was reported from Cincinnati Sunday night. Further down the Ohio the damage was fully as great.

## STAR OF BETHLEHEM AT COYLE THEATRE

"The Star of Bethlehem," which is at the Coyle Theatre this evening, is one of the greatest Scriptural portrayals ever before presented in moving pictures. The film is as nearly infallible as it is possible to make it, in point of depiction of characters, events, settings and costumes. All the leading events of the nativity of Christ are graphically portrayed, and portraiture, costuming and settings are faithfully copied from worldwide paintings of the great masters on these subjects, and from accurate geographical data obtained direct from the holy land. All the historic authorities have been carefully searched and copied and the result is a portrayal that far surpasses any conception the mind might have formed of this great event, which today dominates the whole civilized world. It is a picture that Bible students and Sunday school workers and scholars should by all means witness, as it will give impressions which no amount of printed descriptions can ever convey.

Don't fail to see the O-Cedar mop demonstration when at Horne's and Kaufman's and leave your order for one at the City Grocery. 21-tw-11

J. K. Tener, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres. R. H. Rosh, Cashier.



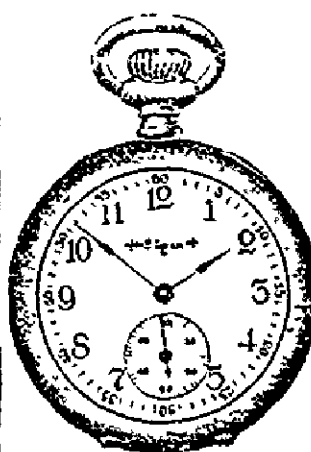
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## LOCAL AGENCIES

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## A NEW CIVILIZATION.

"To my mind the distinguishing  
fact in the mental attitude of our  
time is the relatively tremendous  
weight we lay on general human wel-  
fare," says Clifford Pinchot in the  
January number of the Pennsylvania  
Suffrage News. "This disposition  
to accept the health, happiness and  
success of men and women in the  
mass as the criterion and touchstone  
of civilization is comparatively new.  
It seems to me well within the bounds  
of truth to say that it has made more  
progress within the United States in  
the last twelve years, and the ad-  
vance in the next decade bids fair to  
be only less striking.

"The moment the effective political  
units in any commonwealth begin to  
measure national success by human  
welfare, not merely as an intellectual  
proposition but as a practical basis  
for concrete action, that moment the  
equal participation of women in gov-  
ernment becomes a certainty. The  
reason is simple. Women as a whole  
have a larger stake in human wel-  
fare than men, for they are the moth-  
ers. They bear the heavier share of  
the burden. Their lives and their  
rights are more sacred than those  
of men.

"Women and children first" is no  
meaningless phrase and represents  
no accidental custom. It rests on  
the obvious truth that the future is  
more important to the race than the  
present, and that in times of peril  
those who prepare or embody the fu-  
ture are best worth saving.

"Equal suffrage" is coming, as it  
ought to come, for the good and suf-  
ficient reason that to the welfare of  
the race, and to its future, the work  
and point of view of the women is  
more important than the work and  
point of view of the men."

## FOR MOTHER'S PENSIONS.

An unqualified endorsement of a  
mother's pension law for Pennsyl-  
vania was given by Rev. Dr. J. Leon-  
ard Levy, rabbi of the Rodef Shalom  
Temple, in Pittsburgh Sunday. Dr.  
Levy praised the work that is being  
carried on by the Young Ladies' Re-  
lief Society of Pittsburgh in the in-  
terests of the mother's pension law,  
and said:

"I endorse the general proposition,"  
said Dr. Levy. "I feel that the tax

levied by the State is for the welfare  
of the people and I can see no more  
practical benefit to be derived than  
by the application of this pension  
system. Measures will be taken to  
prevent unworthy persons from par-  
ticipating. These precautionary  
steps are necessary in all forms of  
charity, but the administration of  
the pension system would cost  
no more than the administra-  
tion of orphanages and other  
public charitable institutions. In this  
case the mothers would receive a di-  
rect benefit. For the work of the  
Young Ladies' Relief Society I have  
the highest praise."

Dr. Levy's endorsement of the pro-  
posed system will have a big influence  
in winning advocates for this meas-  
ure. He is one of the foremost phil-  
anthropists of the day, and his lo-  
cation in Pittsburgh gives prestige to  
his views regarding anything affect-  
ing possible legislation in Pennsyl-  
vania.

## ELECTRIC SPARKS

Battling Nelson is to become an  
evangelist. People will hesitate  
about giving him any back talk.

A man in a nearby town paid his  
store bill and dropped dead. This is  
sort of turning the tables on the  
usual formula.

It is much easier to palm off a  
miracle of today than it is to get  
people to believe in one in the year  
100.

Another dinosaur has been dug up  
in Utah. When you can't find what  
you want anywhere else go to Utah.  
If it doesn't have it in stock wait  
and it will be secured.

The New York World has dis-  
covered an anarchist is dangerous.  
Behold this new Solomon among  
newspapers.

Women superintendents of gov-  
ernmental departments usually are  
proud (?) to write Miss before their  
names. If they could write Mrs.  
they wouldn't have time to be either  
proud or superintendents.

It's getting to be quite the thing  
to ride to your everlasting resting  
place on a cannon wagon, with ar-  
tillery men marching by the side.  
Wonder if that is a scheme to ward  
off the approach of his Satanic maj-  
esty?

If they are to consider raising the  
tariff on anything, it is hoped to  
heaven it is perfume.

If an aeroplane gets lost relatives  
of the aviator will be trying to tel-  
ephone to Mars to recover his body.

An exchange remarks that custo-  
mers who failed to get milk on a  
certain morning went dry. The man  
who wrote that evidently doesn't  
know what dry means.

Three days are left for January  
to beat last year's record.

Eight of the tribes below Mandarins  
in Burma live on the right bank of the  
Irrawaddy river and in the neighbor-  
hood of the old Burmese town of Sa-  
pazada. The Burmese are all over with  
pagodas. These are not temples, says  
a writer in the Wide World Magazine  
but are built by pious people as offer-  
ings to the supreme power, it being  
generally believed that such acts of  
devotion merit to the builders' credit  
in the next world. The pagodas are  
of all kinds according to the means  
of the builders, from primitive white  
washed structures to ornate erections  
with grotesque gilded lions. The lions  
have various meanings, but stand  
chiefly as a reminder of unselfish de-  
votion. An ancient Burmese legend,  
taught to Burmese children, is that  
of a homeless woman who nursed and  
guarded the baby of a king and who  
died of a broken heart when the prince  
grew up and went away.

In Abyssinia it was once the habit  
of complainants to stand before the  
door of the king's palace, loudly appeal-  
ing to his majesty for help. "So accus-  
tomed is the king," wrote one traveler  
to these querulous tones of sorrow  
that when the rains prevent such as  
are really distressed from repairing to  
the capital a set of vagrants is pro-  
vided whose object it is to raise the  
cry of artificial sorrow lest he should  
feel a lonely quietness."

An inference.  
Editor—Have you submitted this  
poem anywhere else? Jokesmith—No,  
sir. Editor—Then where did you get  
that black eye?

Any time is the proper time for say-  
ing what is just.—Greek Proverb.

## PICKED UP IN PASSING

A prominent man in Pittsburgh, who  
is noted for his philanthropy and  
civic work in a local way, has no  
patience at all with the great horde  
of solicitors who constantly apply  
for aid for this or that small project  
in which they may be personally in-  
terested. Because of his known public  
spirit the Pittsburgh man is a con-  
stant mark for these mendicants, but  
he is not an easy one by any means.

The other day, it is said, a sanctimonious  
individual called at the Pitts-  
burgher's office and found the latter  
very busy with his correspondence.  
Looking up hastily and divining the  
object of the visitor, he said:

"My dear sir, I am very busy.  
Therefore you will please state in  
the fewest possible words the object  
of your visit."

"Well, Mr. —," replied the visi-  
tor, "I will be brief. My object is to  
solicit funds for a great evangelistic  
project. In other words, I want you  
to help prevent thousands of our fel-  
low human beings from going to  
hell."

"I won't give you a blamed cent!"  
shrieked the Pittsburgher. "There  
don't half enough of you fellows go  
there now!"

The following, gleaned from the  
"B. T. L. Pickups" of the Inland  
Printer, is said to have been received  
by a farm paper in the west:

"Dear Sirs—I don't think I owe you  
enny cards. My Little Boy Clarence  
& I have sent you 8 subscribers this  
winter and myne he told you not to  
send the cards and you did not I get  
your Papers and also the samples  
you sent where the trouble is you  
have to many names for one Person  
My name is S. A. Hell and the boys  
name is Clarence Hell. You write  
them Hill there is no Hills here, the  
Mail man says everything that looks  
like Hell he brings it here."

Beauty of the Zebra.  
The zebra is perhaps of all quadrupeds  
the best made and most beau-  
tifully clad by the hand of nature.  
His figure and tones of the horse,  
his elegance of the stag and his  
black and white bands with which  
his body is ornamented are arranged with  
such wonderful symmetry that a  
sight almost disposed to mar-  
vel at the rule and compass and been en-  
gaged in their formation. These a-  
dornments are narrow, parallel and  
evenly separated. They extend in-  
variably over the body, but the head, thor-  
ax and even over the ears an-  
d tail. They follow so exactly the con-  
tour of the different forms that the  
entire figure in the most ad-  
vantageous point of view. In the  
female these bands are alternately  
black and white in the male they  
are black and yellow, but always of  
a lively and brilliant tint. They also  
rest upon a ground of short, fine and  
copious hairs, whose inner consid-  
erably augments the general beauty of the  
colors.—Exchange

Our Wonderful Eyes.  
Is there anything so wonderful as  
the eye? No matter how cold the  
weather may be, the eye never fails  
in the wildest of blizzards, when the  
thermometer registers many degrees  
below zero, when the feet and fingers  
freeze, when the throat freezes, when  
even the torso, swathed in sweaters  
and chamois skin vestings, freezes;  
when the nose and ears are frost bit-  
ten, when the hair even crackles in the  
blast—when all is lost apparently, the  
eyes suffer no pain, but continue to per-  
form their normal functions. The  
people of the most inclement, most frigid  
regions of the extreme north bundle up  
everything but their eyes. The eyes  
are never frostbitten. They seem to  
suffer only in a strong wind which car-  
ries in its current some irritating sub-  
stance. And yet notwithstanding this,  
the eyes are the most sensitive of our  
several organs.

Banking the Fire.  
Banking the fire is a very simple  
process. It is easier to bank a fire  
than to bank anything else we know  
of. We have not been able to bank  
anything excepting a fire for several  
years. Place the ashes in the hearth  
sifter and thus sprinkle them care-  
fully over the coals three or four times  
for a small furnace, the kind that  
goes out every five minutes and five  
teacups for one of the battleship  
variety. Close all of the drafts or  
leave all of them open as you choose  
turn out the gas in the basement, lock  
the kitchen door, take your dose of  
family tar, wind the clock out  
the cat and go to bed. If these direc-  
tions are followed faithfully you will  
in the morning find one of two condi-  
tions—the fire will be going or it will  
be out.—Boston Globe.

Norway in Scotland.  
The Orkney and Shetland Islands,  
strictly speaking, belong to the king-  
dom of Norway. Toward the close of  
the fifteenth century King Christian  
of Norway pledged the Orkney and  
the Shetlands, over which his rule  
was undisputed, to King James III.  
of Scotland for the payment of the  
dowry of his daughter Margaret, who  
became queen of Scotland. The  
pledge has not been redeemed.

## Too Much For Webster.

In the somewhat famous case of  
Mrs. Bodgen's will, which was tried in  
the supreme court many years ago,  
Daniel Webster appeared as counsel-  
or for the appellant Mrs. Greenough,  
wife of the Rev. William Greenough,  
was a very self possessed witness.  
Notwithstanding Mr. Webster's repeat-  
ed efforts to disconcert her, she per-  
sued the even tenor of her way until  
Webster, becoming quite fearful of the  
result, arose, apparently in great agi-  
tation, and, drawing out his large  
muffbox, thrust his thumb and finger  
to the very bottom and, carrying a  
deep pinch to both nostrils, drew it up  
with gusto, and then, extracting from  
his pocket a very large handkerchief,  
he blew his nose with a report that  
rang distinct and loud through the  
crowded hall.

He then asked, "Mrs. Greenough,  
was Mrs. Bodgen a neat woman?"  
"I cannot give you full information  
as to that, sir. She had one very dirty  
trick," replied the witness.  
"What was that, ma'am?"  
"She took snuff!"

## Resting on His Laurels.

An undertaker was discussing queer  
epitaphs.  
"A queer epitaph indeed," he said,  
"was that of a German playwright,  
Gustave von Moser. Von Moser kept  
in his house a costly and beautiful urn.  
He purposed to be cremated, and his  
ashes were to be put in the urn after-  
ward."

"But the strangest thing about the  
urn was that it contained a little bed  
of ashes during Von Moser's life. He  
used, you see, to get a good many laurel  
wreaths when his new plays were  
put on, and he would take a sprig from  
each wreath, burn it and drop the  
ashes into the urn."

"My own ashes," he would say, "will  
be on top. Thus after death it may be  
truly said of me that I am resting on  
my laurels."—New York Tribune.

## Flags We Have Known.

The first flag to float over American  
soil was the royal standard of Isabel-  
la, emblazoned with the arms of Cas-  
tile and Leon. A white flag with a  
green cross was its companion. Some  
years after Columbus landed at San  
Salvador the Cabots planted the banner  
of England and of St. Mark of Venice  
on the eastern shore of North America.  
In the centuries that have intervened  
since a variety of national flags have  
waved where now only the stars and  
stripes is the accepted emblem. Over  
Texas have floated the French, Span-  
ish, English, American and Confed-  
erate; in Louisiana the lilacs of France,  
the Spanish flag, the tricolor, the Amer-  
ican and Confederate flags; in Califor-  
nia the Spanish, Mexican, Russian and  
American.

Moors Consider Us Dirty.  
A habit of our own which we con-  
sider far more cleanly than eating with  
our fingers is looked upon by the  
Moors as filthy—that is, washing our  
hands or face in a basin and, still  
more, taking a bath where the water  
is not running. The cleaner we be-  
come, they say, the dirtier the water  
we are washing with must necessarily  
become, and eventually we step forth  
as cleansed from water which is no  
longer clean. A Moor to wash his  
hands has the water poured from a  
vessel over them, and never by any  
chance dips them into the dirty water.  
The same way in their baths. The wa-  
ter is thrown over their bodies out of  
bright brass bowls and flows away  
through holes in the marble or tile  
floor.

Mammy's Expedient.  
Little Rastus was becoming very ob-  
jectionable in school because his wool  
was growing longer and longer, far be-  
yond the cutting stage. The teacher  
tried hinting to no purpose and then  
told him outright to go have his hair  
cut, giving him a quarter for the pur-  
pose.

Rastus broke out crying and said:  
"No, ma'am; I dassn't hab it cut. My  
mammy, she wants a new switch, and  
she's done a-growin' it on me."—Lad-  
ies' Home Journal.

In a Bad Way.  
"I fear that my husband will break  
down. He is suffering from brain ex-  
haustion."  
"How dreadful! What are his  
symptoms?"  
"He latterly keeps repeating himself  
in his excuses for coming home late  
from the club, dear."

What She Really Wanted.  
Ferdie had just proposed to Millie.  
"No, Ferdie," she said; "I cannot  
marry you. The man who gets me  
must be a grand man, upright and  
square."  
"My dear girl," said Ferdie, "you  
don't want a man; you want a piano."  
—Exchange

Translating the Definition.  
Johnny—Papa, what does precocious  
mean? Papa—It means—a—it is a term  
applied to children who know more  
than is usual at their age. Johnny—  
Oh, yes; it means a fresh kid!

For Appearance.  
"How can you marry a man as old  
as all that?"  
"Well, mother says I will look well in  
white, and sister says I will look well  
in black."—Pittsburgh Post.

Money and Trouble.  
"Money, after all, means nothing but  
trouble."  
"Still, it is the only kind of trouble  
which it is hard to borrow."—Balti-  
more American.

He that falls into sin is a man; he  
that grieves at it is a saint; that  
boasteth of it is a devil.—Fuller.

# ALONG THE RIVER

During the month of November  
there was not a death in Belle Ver-  
non to record. Since 1908 there has  
been but one other month the same,  
it being September 1909. During  
December, 1909 there were nine  
deaths recorded, four in 1910, four  
in 1911.

Cards are out announcing the mar-  
riage of Miss Elizabeth Hixenbaugh  
of Roscoe to Harry Westerby of Car-  
negie. The wedding will take place  
at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph  
Brown, January 22.

Under the direction of Prof. I. T.  
Daniel, musical director of the Char-  
leroi schools, the choral class of Fay-  
ette City is progressing nicely. A  
recital is to be given the latter part  
of this month or the first of next.

The library at the normal added  
250 books to the library at Christ-  
mas time and new stationary book  
cases were also added.

Installation of officers in Dairy  
Grange near Coal Centre No. 1308  
was held Saturday evening. The local  
grange has the largest membership  
of any in the community over 200 be-  
ing enrolled.

William Long is proud of the last  
year's report of the Coal Centre  
Presbyterian Sunday school which he  
gave to them last Sunday. The av-

erage attendance per Sunday was  
108. The average collection was \$3  
per Sunday. Twenty-eight members  
of the school attended every Sabbath.  
One scholar has been present every  
Sunday for four years. Few Sun-  
day schools can make a better show-  
ing when you consider the enroll-  
ment. The average attendance is  
about three-fourths of the enroll-  
ment.

More Rural Police.  
If every county could have its regu-  
lar squad of mounted policemen,  
known to be constantly on the road  
and likely to turn up when least ex-  
pected, organized bands of country  
desperadoes would become scattered  
and hunted individuals. A squad of  
mounted police would have prevented  
the lynching at Coatesville, if not  
the crime that gave rise to it. Op-  
position to the State Constabulary as  
a proper instrument for public safety  
throughout Pennsylvania is a thing  
of the past, and we believe that  
the present Legislature would make  
no mistake in considering a plan for  
its reorganization upon much more  
extensive lines.—Harrisburg Tele-  
graph.

The White Sewing Machine com-  
pany at 423 Falkowfield avenue is giv-  
ing away a \$75.00 White Rotary Sew-  
ing Machine to the highest bidder.  
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Come in and register your bid. 136-112

## MAKING CLOUD PICTURES.

Some Useful Hints That May Help  
Amateur Photographers.  
Your cloud picture depends largely  
upon your choice of a subject. Rivers  
and small lakes, mountains and hills  
and the best contrast, while trees in  
the immediate foreground come next.  
Wide expanses of level lands or vast  
stretches of water are unsatisfactory.  
If you desire an ocean cloud effect be  
sure to place a cliff or some prominent  
landmark in the foreground to break  
the monotony.  
The exposure for cloud effects, made  
necessary by the laws of light and op-  
tics, is necessarily very rapid. Anom-  
alous as it may seem, this does not pre-  
suppose an extra rapid lens. In fact,  
such a one may defeat the very object  
you hope to attain. I make my cloud  
scenes with an ordinary rectilinear lens  
by preference. The exposure with an  
eight stop should be the maximum  
speed of the ordinary shutter. If the  
day is exceedingly brilliant the stop  
must be correspondingly decreased.  
The great danger is in over exposure,  
thereby dissolving your cloud.—Charles  
Stuart Moody in Outing Magazine

## TEST YOUR LUNGS.

A Simple Method by Which One May  
Measure His Development.  
People often suffer from weak, un-  
developed lungs without suspecting it.  
True, small, feeble lungs are usually  
associated with a small, narrow or  
sunken chest, but not invariably. By  
means of the misuse of physical cul-  
ture it is possible to develop large  
chest muscles, thus acquiring a big  
chest measurement, while the lungs  
remain small and ill nourished.  
Again, lung mischief is often so slow  
and insidious in its approach that the  
trouble is not discovered until it is  
firmly established. Here, however, is  
a simple test which will tell you  
whether your lungs are healthy or not.  
"Take as deep a breath as you can  
and then, in a slow but distinct voice  
count from one upward as far as you  
can without taking in more breath.  
The number of seconds you can con-  
tinue counting is a pretty reliable in-  
dex to the state of your lungs, so you  
should have some one to time you.  
If your lungs are sound and normal-  
ly developed your range will be be-  
tween twenty and thirty-five seconds.  
If your limit is between ten and twen-  
ty seconds, there is no need to be  
alarmed; probably your lungs are  
merely in need of exercise, to be  
readily obtained by regular deep  
breathing in pure air. A range of less  
than ten seconds, however, points to  
more or less mischief, and you should  
not delay in having your lungs ex-  
amined by a medical man.—London  
Answers.

## Resting a Model.

Adolphe Maurel, the German painter,  
at one time was engaged on a work of  
aura decoration and kept a man posed  
in an exceedingly fatiguing position  
on a scaffold for two hours. The great  
painter worked away, heedless of his  
model's discomfort. Finally the vic-  
tim called down, "Herr Professor, how  
about the recess?"

"Certainly, my dear sir. Come down  
right away and you shall have your  
recess."

As the model was descending from  
the scaffolding his limbs assumed a  
position which was one for which the  
artist had long been looking.

"Stop!" Menzel thundered. "Hold!  
Ah, fine! Keep that while I make a  
little sketch of it!"

The artist drew vigorously for half  
an hour, at the end of which he called  
out imperatively: "There, that will do  
for now. Get up on the scaffold again  
We have had our recess."

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### Some Butchers' Names.

A butcher who had some spare time made a study of the New York telephone directory for butchers whose names are out of the ordinary or fit the business. Sam Frankfurter has a shop at 219 East Seventh street and A. Weiner is at 1443 Avenue A. John Now is on Third avenue and Frank Then on Amsterdam avenue. If they formed a partnership Now & Then would sound familiar. Wing Sang is in the poultry business and A. Fox is a game dealer. Louis Rich is on Third avenue and John Richer is in the Bronx. Emil Half is on Amsterdam avenue. George Idler hustles in a market on Webster avenue. John Grab is taking things easy in his shop on Second avenue. Max Warm is on East Houston street. Max Lent of Norfolk street never keeps it. Joseph Eug of West Fifteenth street should be a favorite with the women. For the finish how about Julius Goodby of Avenue A?—Butchers' Advocate.

### The Fiddle Drill.

The "fiddle drill" is one of the oldest stonecutting tools in existence. It is said to antedate Greek sculpture and is in use today in about the same form as it was 2,000 years ago. As its name implies, its action resembles a fiddle. The drill is of two pieces. In one hand a carver holds the drill stock, which is like a carpenter's brace, except that it is straight instead of having a crank. In the other hand he holds the "bow," which is strung with a brass wire and which is given a turn around the drill stock. To use the drill the carver places the drill stock against his breast, holding it with his left hand, and with his right he draws the bow back and forth, fiddle fashion. This imparts a rotary motion to the drill stock, and the drill is ground to cut in either way it turns. The fiddle drill is used in the finest work, in crevices where the sculptor could not reach with his chisel and hammer without endangering the carving.

### The Better Part of Valor.

Nobody ever called in question the courage of the early Spanish settlers of California, but there seems to have been at least one man among their descendants who held discretion to be the better part of valor. A certain Don Andreas was interviewed by his superior officer on the eve of an engagement with the enemy and was warned that the American was a very different foe from the Indian or the Mexican and that courage should not be pushed to rashness in an encounter with him.

"Have no fear, general," was the response of the intrepid caballero. "I would far rather that history should record from where I fled than where I fell."

The general's mind was probably relieved of anxiety concerning the fate of at least one individual in his command by this reply.

### Natural Ear Trumpets.

It has been ascertained that the spiral horn of a wild sheep, when so placed that the ear is in the axis of the coil, makes the direction from which the ticking of a watch comes more easily discernible. Since the ear of the sheep is surrounded by the horn it is inferred that the latter acts as an ear trumpet, not improving the hearing for distant sounds, but disclosing the direction of a sound. This would be useful in enabling the sheep to ascertain the exact points whence sounds come when there is a mist or fog covering its feeding grounds.—Exchange.

## WHISTLER AT WORK.

The Eccentric Artist Had a Method That Was All His Own.

In "Memories of James McNeill Whistler," by Thomas R. Way, the author allows us a glance at the artist's methods during his residence at the white house in Tite street, built from the designs of his friend, E. W. Godwin, the architect.

"The studio was surprisingly different from the room he previously used in Lindsay row, and entirely unlike the studios usually occupied by other artists. I remember a long, not very lofty room, very light, with windows along one side; his canvas beside his model at one end and at the other, near the table which he used as a palette, an old Georgian looking glass, so arranged that he could readily see his canvas and model reflected in it. Those who used such a mirror (as he did constantly) will know that it is the most merciless of critics.

"I marveled then at his extraordinary activity, as he darted backward and forward to look at both painting and model from his point of view at the extreme end of the long studio. He always used brushes of large size with very long handles, three feet in length, and held them from the end with his arm stretched to its full extent. Each touch was laid on with great firmness, and his physical strength enabled him to do without the assistance of a maulstick, while the distance at which he stood from the canvas allowed him to have the whole of a large picture in sight and so judge the correct drawing of each touch."

### The Scorpion of Ceylon.

A more disagreeable object than a scorpion of Ceylon it would be difficult to imagine. Although, as a rule, it does not measure more than seven inches in length, there is a species found in the woods that are longer than a foot. They crawl out of some dried wood and, taking up their position on a convenient rock or stone, look, as they hold their great jointed sting curved over their backs and their claws held aloft, the very picture of aggressive warfare. Here they stretch themselves in the broiling sun and await their prey. These are the small, beautiful honeybirds that dart from flower to flower and take the place of the humming birds of the east. As one approaches the scorpion seems to shrink into the stone until it becomes almost imperceptible. Suddenly the great insect will raise its claws and dart at its beautiful victim, which in a moment is destroyed.

### Mexico's Goat.

To get your goat in Mexico has no meaning other than to say unawful hands on the quadruped. The goat is to Mexico what the sheep is to Australia and beef to old England and more, because it is both meat and drink. The republic of bullfights and bandits could not get along without the humble little animal we have at ways associated with Harlem back yards and a diet of tin cans. Its flesh sells at 14 cents a pound, Mexican money, and a steaming stew of tender young kid is not to be despised by a hungry man. Every Mexican hotel serves goat meat in some form or other. A fat goat sells for \$3 on the hoof, and a lean one brings only \$1.50. The tallow sells at 12 cents a pound and is commonly used in place of lard. The skins are worth \$1.50 each, and the milk retails at 12 cents a quart.—New York Press.

## THE "GOBLIN FRIAR."

One of the Specters That Are Said to Haunt Newstead Abbey.

Newstead abbey, the home of Lord Byron, has the reputation of being haunted by more than one specter, and many curious noises and strange sights have been heard and seen by residents and visitors there. But the best known and most noted specter connected with the place and immortalized in Byron verse is the "Goblin Friar." The particular chamber which this specter is supposed especially to frequent and which is known par excellence as the "haunted chamber" adjoins Byron's bedroom. Lord Byron and many others not only believed in the existence of the Black Friar, but asserted that they had really seen it. It did not confine its visitations, however, to the "haunted chamber," but at night walked the cloisters and other portions of the abbey.

A monk arrayed in cowl and beads and dusky garb appeared.

Now in the moonlight and now tapers in shade.

With steps that trod as heavy, yet unheard.

This apparition is the evil genius of the Byrons, and its appearance portends misfortune of some kind to the member of the family to whom it appears. Lord Byron fully believed that he held this apparition a short time before the greatest misfortune of his life, his ill starred union with Miss Milbanke. Alluding to his belief in these things, he said:

I merely mean to say what Johnson said—That in the course of some six thousand years

All nations have believed that from the dead

A visitant at intervals appears.

And what is stranger upon this strange head

Is that whatever bars the reason rears

Against such beliefs there's something stronger still

In its behalf, let those deny who will.

—Kansas City Star.

## HAYDN AND THE ROD.

When the Budding Composer Was Flogged by Royal Command.

An amusing incident of the healthy boyhood of the great composer, Joseph Haydn, is given by Mary Maxwell Moffat in her biography of the Austrian empress, Maria Theresa.

When von Reutter became choirmaster of St. Stephen's cathedral he had Joseph Haydn among his pupils.

During a visit to the Hungarian Prince Esterhazy, in 1773, Maria Theresa took occasion to say a word of praise to Haydn, who had composed the music of the opera given in her honor and had conducted the performance. She expressed the conviction that she had seen him before, although she could not remember the occasion.

"The last time your majesty was pleased to take notice of me," said Haydn, "you ordered me a good thrashing."

"That does not sound like me," rejoined the empress. "How did it happen?"

Then Haydn told of a Whitsuntide when, with other pupils of Von Reutter he had been brought to Schoenbrunn to sing in the chapel. Between the services the boys took to clambering over the scaffolding of the new wings of the palace. The empress caught sight of them and sent word forbidding the dangerous sport. But the attraction of the scaffolding was irresistible. On the following day the boys were again risking their necks. When Maria Theresa expostulated with Von Reutter his surmise that the ringleader was "that young scamp, Joseph Haydn," led her to suggest that the rod be used to improve his memory.

### The Glowworm Cavern.

The greatest wonder of the antipodes is the celebrated glowworm cavern, discovered in 1891 in the heart of the Tasmanian wilderness. The cavern or caverns (there appears to be a series of such caverns in the vicinity, each separate and distinct) are situated near the town of Southport, Tasmania, in a limestone bluff, about four miles from Ida Bay. The appearance of the main cavern is that of an underground river, the entire floor of the subterranean passage being covered with water, about a foot and a half in depth. These wonderful Tasmanian caves are similar to all caverns found in limestone formation, with the exception that their roofs and sides literally shine with the light emitted by the millions of glowworms which inhabit them.

### Strange Cure For Lunacy.

Our forefathers were so fond of the whip that they seem to have regarded it as a cure for lunacy and even for smallpox. The accounts of a Hantsdonshire parish under date 1691 have the entry, "Pd in charges taking up a distracted woman, watching her and whipping her next day, ss. 6d." and a few years later eightpence is paid for "whipping two people yet had the smallpox."—London Standard.

### How, Indeed?

Small Boy—Sister said to ask if you had any invisible ink. New Drug Clerk after looking among some bottles—J. guess we haven't, at least I don't see any. Small Boy (contemptuously)—Huh! How do you expect to see it if it's invisible?—Chicago News.

### Tart Retort.

Restaurant patron (caustically)—I am glad to see your baby has shut up, madam. Mother—Yes, sir. You are the only thing that's pleased him since he saw the animals eat at the zoo.—Puck.

If your spirits are low do something, and if you have been doing something do something different.—B. B. Hale.



## White Sale Prices for Undermuslins

In this big January event, which is well known by thousands of women in and around Pittsburgh, the opportunities presented to purchase desirable undermuslins for much less than their real value are even better than in former seasons.

We give below a range of prices for the different garments. As space is limited, we will only say, regarding their general appearance, that they are made in the best manner, with trimmings of laces, embroideries and ribbons, applied in many beautiful ways. Some garments are plain, others elaborate, but all in good taste, and each an exceptional value.

Women's Gowns of muslin, nainsook and cambric, variously trimmed, are priced at 50c to \$10.00 each.

Corset Covers of various styles, made of nainsook and cambric, with different trimmings, at 25c to \$3.00 each.

Drawers of muslin, cambric and nainsook, various styles, at 25c to \$3.00.

Combinations of corset covers and drawers and corset covers and skirts, made of soft nainsooks, at 50c to \$7.50 each.

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### The Strength of a Child.

Medical men assert that, according to well conducted tests, it is shown that the newborn babe is relatively much stronger than a full grown man. The muscles of the forearm are astonishingly vigorous. A few hours after birth a baby suspended by its finger to a stick or to the finger of a grown person can sustain itself in the air for about ten seconds—in the case of particularly strong infants for so long a period as thirty seconds.

When four days old an appreciable increase in the infant's strength may be noticed, and the time during which it can thus sustain itself is about two and one-half minutes for 98 per cent of babies. The maximum is attained in two weeks. Few infants can "hang on" for more than one and one-half minutes, although it is of record that one exceptionally developed child remained suspended for two minutes and thirty-eight seconds by his right hand. After that he continued to hang on with his left for fifteen seconds longer. —Harper's Weekly.

### Grouchy After Waterloo.

General Grouchy died May 29, 1847, after battling in vain for thirty years against the legend which held him responsible for the loss of Waterloo. A marquis and a Norman, he yet cast in his fortunes with the revolution, was an object of suspicion in the terror, but soon rose to command as a general of field. In the hundred days he was made a marshal. After Waterloo he withdrew to Paris in good order and proclaimed Napoleon II. Proscribed by the restoration, he found refuge in the United States, but returned to France in 1821. He was restored to his rank as marshal by Louis Philippe and summoned to a seat in the chamber of peers. His son in an uneventful military career was made a general, accompanied his father in his American exile and eventually became a senator of France. Marshal Grouchy passed the greater part of his life in Philadelphia and after his return to his native land lived at Caen except when his legislative duties called him to Paris.—Evening.

### New York's First Sidewalk.

The first sidewalk in New York was laid by a woman, Mrs. Samuel Provost, about 1716. She was an importer and merchant and laid the sidewalk for the convenience of her customers. She had importuned the authorities to do it, but they refused, saying it was impossible. After her object lesson paving and curbing gradually came in, but for some time her sidewalk was so famous that people journeyed even from Philadelphia to see it.

### Just For a Change.

The great celebrity was seriously ill, and the attending physicians had diagnosed his case as appendicitis. They so informed him.

"Very well," he replied calmly. "I have only one request to make. I presume an operation is inevitable?"

"It is," they told him.

"That being so," the great man went on, in the same calm manner, "please arrange to operate on me from below. It is my desire, when the time comes to operate, that I be rigged up securely in some hammock like arrangement and that the surgeons work upon me as I swing suspended over their heads."

"This will be wonderful," whispered the attendants.

"Not so," corrected the patient, "not at all. I wish merely to live the newspapers a chance to say something else than that I am 'under the knife.'"

—Brooklyn Times.

### How Soap Cleanses.

A Belgian chemist who has studied the action of soap on various soiling substances of different colors was arrived at the conclusion that the cleansing of an object consists in a process of substitution. There is brought about a colloidal combination of the soap and the soiling substance, which, by reason of its constitution, no longer has the power of fixing itself by absorption on to the solid body, with the result that it is easily carried away by the water. Thus in washing with soap one puts it in contact with one's soiling substances, these latter having a greater affinity for the former than for one's skin. Soap has even a greater affinity for one's skin than for the substances, which it proceeds to replace and to set free to be taken up by the water and removed.

### Reason For It.

At a debating society some time ago the Irish question was discussed. An English doctor was sustaining the argument that the Irish were naturally a race with right sentiments, but poorly developed. At Liverpool, he said, he had 300 Irish patients on his books and of these only thirty paid him for attendance.

"Sorr," said an Irishman, who rose with flushed cheek to defend his countrymen—"sorr, there is never an effect without a cause. There is never a phenomenon that does not admit of an explanation. How can we explain the astounding phenomenon to which the doctor has called our attention? He finds an explanation in the natural depravity of the Irish nation. I sorr, have another explanation to give and it is this: The best doctors are overed." —Pearson's Weekly.



# Before Spring Comes

We must empty our shelves, counters and cases. All our winter stock must go to make room for our new Spring Goods. Every vestage of Winter wear has been marked down with the sole purpose of rapid selling. The profits do not figure in this sale—its a matter of space with us, and you should take advantage of this extra inducement.

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## WHAT IS DIRT?

How the Question Was Answered by a Professor of Chemistry.

An old college professor used to say to his students: "What is dirt? Don't be afraid of a little dirt, young gentleman. What is dirt? Why, nothing at all offensive when chemically viewed. Rub a little alkali upon that dirty grease spot on your coat, and it under goes a chemical change and becomes soap. Now rub it with a little water, and it disappears. It is neither grease, soap, water nor dirt."

"That is not a very odorous pile of dirt you observe there. Well, scatter a little gypsum over it, and it is no longer dirty. Everything you call dirt is worthy of your notice as students of chemistry. Analyze it, analyze it! It will all separate into very clear elements."

"Dirt makes corn, corn makes bread and meat, and that makes a very sweet young lady that I saw one of you kissing last night. So, after all, you were kissing dirt, particularly if she whitened her skin with chalk or fuller's earth."

"There is no telling, young gentlemen, what is dirt, though I may say that rubbing such stuff upon the beautiful skin of a young lady is a dirty practice. Nice, pearly face powder is made of bismuth—nothing but dirt."—Exchange.

## MIXED WIVES.

The Dilemma That Mr. Church Faced and How He Mastered It.

In the early part of the last century there lived in an old New England town a Mr. Church, who in the course of his early life was bereft of four wives, all of whom were buried in the same lot.

In his old age it became necessary to remove the remains to a new cemetery. This he undertook himself, but in the process the bones became hopelessly mixed.

His "New England conscience" would not allow him under the painful circumstances to use the original head stones, so he procured new ones, one of which bore the following inscription.

"Here lies Hannah Church and probably a portion of Emily."

Another:  
"Sacred to the memory of Emily Church, who seems to be mixed with Matilda."

Then followed these lines:

Stranger, pause and drop a tear.  
For Emily Church lies buried here.  
Mixed in some perplexing manner  
With Mary, Matilda and probably Hannah.

—Exchange.

## A Bit of English Humor.

An English humorist many years ago hit upon a neat way of scoring against certain politicians of the times. A comic journal, not being a newspaper within the meaning of the act, was prohibited from giving news, and so in place of a parliamentary report the humorist in question reported a few "first lines" from speeches by prominent members: "Sir Charles Wetherell said he was not sensible"—"Mr. Hunt was entirely ignorant"—"Lord Ashley said he should take the earliest opportunity of moving"—"Mr. Percival presented a petition praying"—"Colonel Sibthorpe never could understand"—"Lord Lyndhurst said he must entreat of every one to give him credit"—"Sir Edward Sugden was not one of those who thought"—"Mr. Croker said he had the fullest assurance"—

## Wonderful Fiddles.

One of the greatest fiddles that ever were known was to be seen at the French court at the time of Charles IX. This was a viol so large that several boys could be placed inside of it. These boys used to sit inside this queer instrument and sing the airs that the man who handled the bow was playing on the viol outside. The effect is said to have been very beautiful, though it would seem as if the presence of the lads in its interior would seriously interfere with the tone of the "great fiddle," as it was called. Many years after another huge instrument of this kind was used at concerts in Boston. It was so large that to play it the fiddler had to stand on a table to use his bow at the proper point on the strings. This instrument was called "the grandfather of fiddles."

## Columbia River Thrice Named.

The Columbia river has had three names. It was first called the Oregon. Afterward it was called the St. Roque, but when it was discovered by Robert Gray in 1792 it was given the name of his vessel, the Columbia. In place of the two floating appellations, Oregon and St. Roque. According to Whitney, the original name of the river was the Oregon, "big ear" or "one that has big ears," the allusion being to the custom of the Indians who were found in its region of stretching their ears by boring them and crowding them with ornaments.

## Both Hate Him.

"Funny thing," remarked Wilson, musingly. "Tom Wilkins and Edith Brown used to be great friends of mine. I introduced them to each other. They got married, and now neither of them will speak to me. Wonder what the reason can be?"

## Sometimes They Are.

Little Sister—What are those eggs in a baseball game? Big Brother—Innings in which no runs are made. Why do you ask? Little Sister—Oh, I thought they were laid by the fowls of the game.—Chicago News.

How well you live matters, and not how long.

## HUNDREDS PAY LAST RESPECTS TO YOUNG WOMAN

Hundreds of friends paid their last respects this morning to the memory of Miss Lillian Belle Parsons, the young woman who died tragically Friday as the result of burns sustained a week previously. On Sunday there was a constant stream of visitors through the rooms where the body of Miss Parsons lay. Banks of flowers were massed against the wall at one side of the room constituting the last tribute of affection of numerous friends to a popular young woman. Pallbearers were chosen, from the Adelphean class of young men from the First Christian Sunday School, this being the organization of which Miss Parsons was for several years a teacher. The body was taken to Monongahela by trolley car for interment in the Monongahela cemetery.

## SLEEPING IN CHURCH.

It Used to Be Rudely Interrupted in Olden Times in England.

One John Rudge is on record as having bequeathed to the parish of Trysull, in Shropshire, England, 20 shillings a year to be paid to "a poor man" employed to go about church in summer to keep people awake.

At another English church, that of Acton, in Cheshire, it was the practice during the middle of the last century for one of the churchwardens to proceed through the church during service with a huge wand in his hand where with if any one of the congregation were observed to be asleep he was instantly awakened by a tap on the head.

In Warwickshire a similar custom prevailed. A warden bearing a stout wand shaped like a bay fork at the end stepped stealthily up and down the nave and the aisles, and whenever he saw an individual asleep he touched him so effectively that the nap was broken, this being sometimes accomplished by the application of the fork to the nape of the neck.

A more playful method obtained in another church. The warden went about during service carrying a long staff, to one end of which was attached a fox's brush and to the other a knob. With the former he gently tickled the faces of the women sleepers, while with the knob he bestowed a sharp rap on the heads of male offenders.—Exchange.

## Consolation.

Motorist (to victim)—What is your name and address? Victim—John Smith, 14 Bean street. Motorist—All right, Smith. Can't stop now, but tomorrow I will call at your house and try and convince you that you should carry an accident policy in the company I represent.—Puck.

## BITUMINOUS COAL PRODUCTION NOW ON THE INCREASE

"Final figures of production of bituminous coal in Pennsylvania for 1912 will show a heavy increase over the 1911 output," says Edward W. Parker, Statistician for the United States Geological Survey, in a recent article. "Owing to the diverse interests served by the bituminous coal mines of Pennsylvania the industry in that State showed various phases. The largest percentage of increase was probably in the Connellsville and other coking regions, the counties chiefly benefitted being Fayette, Westmoreland and Cambria. Those counties will probably show a total increase of 20 per cent over 1911. The Clearfield and other sections shipping to a seaboard will show an increase of about 8 or 10 per cent, but without adequate returns to the operators, some of whom claim that the year was one of the most unsatisfactory in recent history. This was due to contracts made early in the year, when the lack of normal demand in the iron trade forced upon the commercial market the product of mines customarily supplying furnaces and steel mills. Over-production ruled."

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## PERSONAL AND LOCAL

Rev. Elias Nicholas, a native of Egypt, and a Methodist Episcopal minister in that country spoke from the pulpit of the local Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday evening.

John B. Branagan, former postmaster, who is now located in Los Angeles, Cal., is spending a few days in Charleroi looking after business matters.

Misses Lois and Helen Darby are spending the day in Pittsburg.

Mrs. Herman Heupel is in Pittsburg today.

C. C. Holyfield is transacting business today in Pittsburg.

Misses Ina Williams, Edna Wilson, Clara Collins, Edna Collins and Mrs. Florence Wilson of Uniontown were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Clarence Christner of Third street.

with the latter's friends in Pittsburg. Mrs. Florence Wilson and Miss Clara Collins of Uniontown are spending a few days with the latter's friends in Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Newton of Pittsburg, former residents of Charleroi were visitors here Sunday with friends.

Logan Wingett was a Sunday visitor in Brownsville.

## FRENCH PEOPLE PRESENT DRAMA IN OWN TONGUE

Saturday evening the French Dramatic Circle, L'Independent, gave a most pleasing home talent performance at the Eighth street hall. The hall was packed to the doors and many who gained admittance had to stand during the performance. The first act of the play, rendered in French, "Le Peril Jaune," was charmingly rendered, Leon Pagan as the husband playing his part like a professional, and drawing hearty applause from the big audience, as did Miss Anna Goffart, who took the part of the wife. Fernand Goffart as the lawyer and Miss Suzanne Loiseau, the latter but 14 years old, as the charming household maid, rendered their respective parts with fine effect. Miss Loiseau was presented with a handsome bouquet during the performance.

The second act was no less a success. Leon Pagan as the doctor, Victor Bouvier as the servant, and Annie Goffart as the patient wife, kept the audience in an uproar of laughter throughout the act. The third act was rendered in the Belgian dialect with a comic version throughout. Leopold Goffart as the veterinary, Adrian Clavir as the rich former and Joe Dezech as the servant displayed marked talent in their respective parts. Mr. Bouvier rendered two vocal selections and Leon Pagan gave two monologues as special features. The next performance of the association will be a grand drama under direction of Leon Pagan.

## Plaster Casts.

Those who have plaster casts that they wish to preserve may protect them from dust by brushing them with a preparation of white wax and white soap, half a teaspoonful of each boiled with a quart of rain or other soft water. Use when cold, and when they are dried the casts may be wiped with a damp cloth without injury. To harden casts brush with a strong solution of alum water and brush with white wax dissolved in turpentine. Put the cast in a warm place to dry after using the latter, and it will have a look not unlike that of old ivory.

## Had to Creep.

"Why do you say 'A blush crept over the face of the fair plaintiff?'" asks the editor.

"Because," explains the society editor, "there was so much powder on her face the blush had to creep or else it would 'also too much dust!'"

## The Clever Ones.

Griggs—Some men are born great, others achieve greatness. Briggs—Yes; and others simply have the trick of making other people think they're great.

## CAUSE OF THE GRIPPE

How to Escape Its Dangerous After Effects.

With so much gripe prevalent this winter a few words of advice regarding its cause and treatment will not be out of place.

Gripe is an infectious disease easily taken when the system is in a tired or run-down condition.

The best means of prevention are to keep the blood in good healthy condition, and if the system gets into a weak, run-down condition, take Vinol, our delicious cod liver and iron tonic.

A lady from Long Branch, N. J., says: "Gripe left me in a nervous, weakened, run-down condition. After taking three bottles of Vinol I am better and stronger than I have been for years, and I cheerfully recommend Vinol to all who have suffered from the gripe and need strength." (Name furnished on request.)

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## HEAVY DAMAGE DONE BY FLAMES SUNDAY NIGHT AT STAR MINE

Boiler House, Power House and Part of Tipple Burned--Loss \$15,000 or More

### DYNAMOS DESTROYED

Valuable Machinery Damaged--Many Men Thrown Out of Work and Mine Will be Closed Indefinitely

Fire caused it is claimed by carelessness of repair men in leaving a blaze near the boiler house occasioned damage to the extent of about \$15,000 at the Star mine of the Harvester-Walker company near Courtney at about 12 o'clock Sunday night. Much valuable machinery was destroyed in addition to the boiler house, the power house and about five spans of the tipple. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

It is asserted that repair men have been at work preparing for the installation of a new boiler at the boiler house. They had a fire going Sunday night near the boiler house, and it is told went away for a short time leaving it. When they returned the boiler house was in flames.

The power house and other out-buildings quickly caught fire and because of the grease and coal dust burned rapidly. The tipple became ignited. There is no efficient fire fighting apparatus and the puny efforts of the men failed in extinguishing the blaze.

It is difficult to say when the mine will again start up. Between 300 and 500 men were employed. They will be thrown out of work. The payroll at the Star mine was about \$6,000 every two weeks. This will be a serious blow to Monongahela, where most of the trade from the mining settlements went. It may be that the mine will not be opened up again until the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie railroad is extended through the Mingo valley, and then it is stated a new opening may be made.

### TEMPERANCE DRAMA AT PALACE THEATRE

"The Drunkard's Reformation," a gripping temperance photoplay, will be a special feature at the Palace Theatre tonight. This great feature shows the evils of intemperance in a most vivid manner, and the evolutionary stages in which the great scourge of the civilized world gets its insidious hold on its victims, until it finally "biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." It affords a most impressive temperance lecture. This great feature is in three reels.

**Will Probated.**  
In the estate of Marie Gault, late of Charleroi, her will has been probated and letters issued to N. Etta Gault, a daughter, who is given the estate.

**Saved From Drink.**  
The Drunkard's Reformation, three reels Palace Theatre tonight. 145-11

## MINISTERS FORM MARRIAGE TRUST

Such is Charge of James O'Hara, of Cumberland and James, Being a Cabby Ought to be Qualified to Know

A regularly organized marriage trust with a number of ministers as trustees, is said to exist at Cumberland, Md., a popular Gettysburg, since Youngstown as a get-married quick place was wiped from the map. James E. O'Hara, an automobile driver is the informant, and from the bitterness of his accusation, it seems that James is on the outside of something good, where his advantage would be in being in the inside. According to O'Hara, who gave testimony to the Connellsville Courier, ministers board trains before the trains get to Cumberland, spot eloping couples, take them in tow whether they want to be taken in tow or not, and charge liberally for their services. The standard rate for the "trust," O'Hara says is \$10 per hitch. Out of this comes one dollar for the marriage license, \$4.50 for the minister and \$4.50 for the cabman. Certain cabmen claim the scheme is not a good one for them because couples find it cheaper to get married at home. They argue that there has been a falling off of trade, and have considered asking the Cumberland councils to put a stop to the "trust" formed by the itinerant ministers.

## PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE MEN OF WASHINGTON DISTRICT MEET IN ANNUAL BANQUET

The Prudential Insurance company of American tendered their annual banquet and business meeting to the Washington district at Hotel Moritz Saturday afternoon and the affair was one of the best and most enjoyable events of the kind ever held in this district.

Over sixty were present including superintendents, assistants superintendents, agents and their ladies from Washington, Monongahela, Charleroi, Brownsville, Fredericktown and surrounding towns. The honor guests

were C. Olozoga, division manager, from Newark, N. J.; P. F. Aichert, superintendent McKeesport district, and W. G. Becher, superintendent Pittsburgh No. 3 district. Music was furnished by Wheeler's orchestra. A tenor solo was sung by Earl Atkins of Monongahela. Miss Rachel Carroll of Monongahela elocutionist, gave readings. Very interesting talks were given by different persons. Division Manager Olozoga spoke of the wonderful growth and success of the company during the past year which was the largest in the history.

## GREAT SECRET OUT; VOTES GO FOR ROOSEVELT

Electors of Pennsylvania to Hold Meeting at Harrisburg--Thomas to be Present

Goodloe H. Thomas, of the Monessen Friday Evening Call left Sunday evening for Harrisburg to participate in the casting of votes for president by the electors of the State. Everybody knows what the result of the meeting of electors will be. Roosevelt gets the vote in Pennsylvania. Officially President-elect Woodrow Wilson isn't elected President until the electors of the several states have met, cast their votes, and had them reported and tabulated at the national capitol.

**Drama in Three Parts.**  
The Drunkard's Reformation, Palace Theatre tonight. 145-11

Some people spend more money accidentally than most people do purposely.

## W. AND J. NAMES INSTRUCTOR TO FILL VACANCY

Prof. J. Clyde McGregor, of Wheeling, W. Va. an alumnus of the institution, has been named instructor of Political Science and History at Washington & Jefferson college, to fill the temporary vacancy caused by the election to congress from the Twenty-fourth, Pennsylvania district, of Dr. Henry W. Temple, who has held this professorship for some years.

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of W. & J., Dr. Temple was granted a two-years' leave of absence, commencing with next term. Professor McGregor graduated from Washington & Jefferson in 1905 and for several years afterward was instructor in history in the Wheeling High school. For some months he has been teaching and studying at the University of Pennsylvania, pursuing special work in history and political science as a candidate for the degree of Philosophy (Ph. D.). He was given his Master's degree by his alma mater, W. & J.

## JURY ADVISES THAT LIGHTS BE MADE SAFE

Recommendations were embodied in the finding of the coroner's jury at Donora Friday in the investigation into the death of John Sukel, that the West Penn Electric company adopt a better system of wiring for the Webster-Donora bridge. The present system, it is claimed is not safe for

was electrocuted when he tried to remove a live wire lying it was claimed on the floor of the bridge. It is said the same light has been lowered on several previous occasions by passersby and the jury considered that the company should take some means to prevent these occurrences.

## STORK IS THE WINNER

Year's Statistics Show Three Times More Births Than Deaths

### LOWER THAN IN 1911

Records Made During Summer--Low Month for Mortality is July

There were more than three times as many births as deaths in the Charleroi district comprising Charleroi borough, Fallowfield township and Twilight borough during the year 1912. Monthly reports furnished the Mail by the registrar of vital statistics, Dr. Edwin McKay, tabulated show the number of births to be 343, and deaths 113. In 1911 there were 380 births and 149 deaths. The percentage of deaths compared to the number of births was greater in that year than in 1912. Following are the figures for the year:

	Births	Deaths
January	20	11
February	29	8
March	27	12
April	31	11
May	26	8
June	32	8
July	33	4
August	30	6
September	24	16
October	38	9
November	35	11
December	27	9
Total	343	113

Of course a majority of both the births and deaths occurred in Charleroi although both Fallowfield and Twilight contributed their lot. Some unusual figures are shown through the year. For instance in July there was a remarkably low death rate and a high birth rate, the deaths being four, and births 33. The high month for deaths was September with 16 and the high month for births October with 38. The number of births for the first half of the year was 166 and for the latter half 177. Deaths numbered 56 the first half of the year and 55 the last half.

## SHE WAS WILLIN' TO BE HIS'N BUT HE WAS TOO SLOW

Availing she faithfully promised to marry him and is still willing and ready to carry out that promise, Caroline Urbanczyk has filed a suit at Washington against Nicholas Bawel, of the county seat claiming \$5,000 damages for alleged breach of promise. A capias has been issued for the defendant and bail fixed at \$1,000. The plaintiff claims that notwithstanding she has remained single and has always been willing and ready to carry out her promise of marriage alleged to have been made on April 9, 1911, to the defendant, the latter has failed to carry out his part of the agreement and has persistently refused to marry her.

## PREPARING PETITIONS FOR STARTING RURAL DELIVERY ROUTE HERE

Petitions to be presented to the postoffice department asking that a rural delivery route be started from Charleroi are being signed in Charleroi. They have met with ready response and practically all who have been asked have signed. The petitions will be presented as soon as possible.

The Drunkard's Reformation. Three Reel Drama, Palace Theatre Tonight. 145-11

## LOWLAND RESIDENTS FRIGHTENED BY FLOOD

### Loads of Beer Rather Noisy

Two Taken in at Police Station With Considerable Difficulty Saturday

at the police station with considerable noise and difficulty Saturday night. Two men were the loads. They had evidently been where beer was on draught and had sat in the draft. They took a notion to resist arrest and did so, to their discomfort, for they not only were landed in the borough hospital but were also forced to undergo a sentence of a fine of \$10 and costs or a short term in the lock-up. One chose the former and one the latter. Saturday night there were nine arrests. Sunday there were two arrests for fighting.

## LOCK NO. 6 TO BE REBUILT

Rivers and Harbors Committee Recommends Appropriation

### BILL EXPECTED TO PASS

In the rivers and harbors bill to go to the House of Representatives this week \$178,200 is contained for the rebuilding of Lock No. 6 in the Monongahela river. This is a little more than Gen. Birney of the United States Army engineers recommended and less than the coal interests asked for. Of the \$40,800,000 to be carried in the bill for rivers and harbors work, \$5,000,000 will be allowed the Ohio, to further the system of locks and dams and to give the river a nine-foot stage. The Allegheny river will get \$300,000. The money for the Allegheny river is not to become available until the Army engineers are satisfied that the bridges will be raised.

The appropriation for Lock No. 6 means if passed that the government will have on hands the rebuilding of two locks, work already having been started at Lock No. 4. It is hardly likely that both locks would be rebuilt at once, but rather that the local lock would be finished first. The appropriation for Lock No. 6 would be sufficient for the rebuilding of the entire lock.

**Notice.**  
The Ladies Aid Society of the First Presbyterian church will do any kind of plain sewing, children's clothes, dressing sacques, etc. Leave orders for sewing with Mrs. J. K. Smith at Fifth and Washington avenue. Kaufman's and leave your order for 145-46 one at the City Grocery. 21-tw-4f

Second Raise of River Within Five Days Occurs Sunday

### OHIO GOES ON RAMPAGE

People Living on Down River Flee Homes by High Water

For the second time within five days the Monongahela river was flooded Sunday. At Lock No. 4 Sunday evening at 6 o'clock water was up within a foot of the stage it attained last Wednesday. After reaching this stage, 29.7 feet, it began slowly to recede.

It was reported Sunday night that certain Pittsburgh streets were under water, and reports came from down the Ohio river of great havoc. The ground is soaked from the rains and floods of the fore part of last week, and the smaller tributary streams of the Monongahela, Allegheny and Ohio rivers are mixed with water. A little rain Saturday and Sunday night did the damage. On the lower Ohio rivers the flood of last week had not yet attained its greatest stage, and the coming of the water of Sunday night in back of it created a worse flood than was first to be seen.

In the vicinity of Cincinnati the people are being driven from their homes by the invading waters from the muddy Monongahela and cranky Allegheny rivers. Cincinnati business men have suffered heavy loss. A 60-foot stage of water was reported from Cincinnati Sunday night. Further down the Ohio the damage was fully as great.

## STAR OF BETHLEHEM AT COYLE THEATRE

"The Star of Bethlehem," which is at the Coyle Theatre this evening, is one of the greatest Scriptural portrayals ever before presented in moving pictures. The film is as nearly unfindable as it is possible to make it, in point of depiction of characters, events, settings and costumes. All the leading events of the nativity of Christ are graphically portrayed, and portraiture, costume and settings are faithfully copied from worldwide paintings of the great masters on these subjects, and from accurate geographical data obtained direct from the holy land. All the historic authorities have been carefully searched and copied and the result is a portrayal that far surpasses any conception the mind might have formed of this great event, which today dominates the whole civilized world. It is a picture that Bible students and Sunday school workers and scholars should by all means witness, as it will give impressions which no amount of printed descriptions can ever convey.

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\$1.00 Cotton Blankets at	80c	2 Rolls Woodoleum, 45c at	20c
\$1.25 Cotton Blankets at	98c		
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\$3.00 Cotton Blankets at	\$2.25		

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## PERSONAL AND LOCAL

Rev. Elias Nicholas, a native of Egypt, and a Methodist Episcopal minister in that country spoke from the pulpit of the local Methodist Episcopal church Sunday evening.

John B. Branagan, former postmaster, who is now located in Los Angeles, Cal., is spending a few days in Charleroi looking after business matters.

Misses Lois and Helen Darby are spending the day in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Herman Heupel is in Pittsburgh today.

C. C. Holyfield is transacting business today in Pittsburgh.

Misses Ina Williams, Edna Williams, Clara Collins, Edna Collins and Mrs. Florence Wilson of Uniontown were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Clarence Christner of Third street with the latter's friends in Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Newton of Pittsburgh, former residents of Charleroi were visitors here Sunday with friends.

Logan Wingett was a Sunday visitor in Brownsville.

## FRENCH PEOPLE PRESENT DRAMA IN OWN TONGUE

Saturday evening the French Dramatic Circle, L'Independant, gave a most pleasing home talent performance at the Eighth street hall. The hall was packed to the doors and many who gained admittance had to stand during the performance. The first act of the play, rendered in French, "Le Peril Jaune," was charmingly rendered, Leon Pagan as the husband playing his part like a professional, and drawing hearty applause from the big audience, as did Miss Anna Goffart, who took the part of the wife. Fernand Goffart as the lawyer and Miss Suzanne Loiseau, the latter but 14 years old, as the charming household maid, rendered their respective parts with fine effect. Miss Loiseau was presented with a handsome bouquet during the performance.

The second act was no less a success. Leon Pagan as the doctor, Victor Bouvier as the servant, and Annie Goffart as the patient wife, kept the audience in an uproar of laughter throughout the act. The third act was rendered in the Belgian dialect with a comic version throughout. Leopold Goffart as the veterinary, Adrian Clavier as the rich former and Joe Decoch as the servant displayed marked talent in their respective parts. Mr. Bouvier rendered two vocal selections and Leon Pagan gave two monologues as special features. The next performance of the association will be a grand drama under direction of Leon Pagan.

## CAUSE OF THE GRIPPE

How to Escape Its Dangerous After Effects.

With so much grippe prevalent this winter a few words of advice regarding its cause and treatment will not be out of place.

Grippe is an infectious disease easily taken when the system is in a tired or run-down condition.

The best means of prevention are to keep the blood in good healthy condition, and if the system gets into a weak, run-down condition, take Vinol, our delicious cod liver and iron tonic.

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Queer Bits From India. In "Omens and Superstitions of Southern India" Edgar Thurston, the author, says:

"On one occasion, when I was in camp at Coimbatore, the oddities of the natives, being afraid of my evil eye, refused to fire a new kiln of bricks for the new club chambers until I had taken my departure. On another occasion I caught hold of a lad to show my friend Dr. Rivers what were the fragrant contents of a pot in which an odd woman was cooking the evening meal. On returning from a walk we heard a great noise proceeding from the odd man, who had meanwhile returned from work, and found the woman seated apart on a rock and sobbing. She had been excommunicated for having looked at the lad's feet because she had afterwards cooked the pot."

Pepys and His Spectacles.

Pepys in his famous diary tells of those devices which he used when his eyes began to fail him. Aug. 31, 1692. "The month ends mighty sadly with me, my eyes being now past all cure almost, and I am mighty set upon trying the late printed experiment of paper tubes." A few days later he is "mightily pleased with a trial I have made of the use of a tube-spectacle of paper, tried with my right eye." And so it goes on, the tube being used first for one eye, then for the other, and finally he has a vizard, into which a tube for both eyes with glass in it is fastened. It was of no use, and the diary had to be discontinued. But Pepys lived and saw and prospered for many years after he had given up tubes and glasses.

The Salamander.

In Andrews' "Anecdotes Ancient and Modern" (1758) one reads, "Should a glass house fire be kept up without extinction for a longer term than seven years there is no doubt but that a salamander would be generated in the chimneys." This probably accounts for the popular idea that a salamander lives in the fire, a fallacy so far removed from the truth that the curious lizardlike beast so called cannot endure even the heat of the sun, but skulks away under stones to avoid it. It will never lose its reputation for fire eating, though, which lingers still in the beating utensil that is named after it.

Plaster Casts.

Those who have plaster casts that they wish to preserve may protect them from dust by brushing them with a preparation of white wax and white soap, half a teaspoonful of each boiled with a quart of rain or other soft water. Use when cold, and when they are dried the casts may be wiped with a damp cloth without injury. To harden casts brush with a strong solution of alum water and brush with white wax dissolved in turpentine. Put the cast in a warm place to dry after using the latter, and it will have a look not unlike that of old ivory.

Had to Creep.

"Why do you say 'A bluish creep over the face of the fair plaintiff?'" asks the editor.

"Because," explains the society editor, "there was so much powder on her face the blush had to creep or else it would raise too much dust!"

The Clever Ones.

Griggs—Some men are born great, others achieve greatness. Briggs—Yes; and others simply have the trick of making other people think they're great.

## WHAT IS DIRT?

How the Question Was Answered by a Professor of Chemistry.

An old college professor used to say to his students: "What is dirt? Don't be afraid of a little dirt, young gentleman. What is dirt? Why, nothing at all offensive when chemically viewed. Rub a little alkali upon that dirty grease spot on your coat, and it undergoes a chemical change and becomes soap. Now rub it with a little water, and it disappears. It is neither grease, soap, water nor dirt."

"That is not a very odorous pile of dirt you observe there. Well, scatter a little gypsum over it, and it is no longer dirty. Everything you call dirt is worthy of your notice as students of chemistry. Analyze it, analyze it! It will all separate into very clear elements."

"Dirt makes corn, corn makes bread and meat, and that makes a very sweet young lady that I saw one of you kissing last night. So, after all, you were kissing dirt, particularly if she whitened her skin with chalk or fuller's earth."

"There is no telling, young gentlemen, what is dirt, though I may say that rubbing such stuff upon the beautiful skin of a young lady is a dirty practice. Nice, pearly face powder is made of bismuth—nothing but dirt!"—Exchange.

## MIXED WIVES.

The Dilemma That Mr. Church Faced and How He Mastered It.

In the early part of the last century there lived in an old New England town a Mr. Church, who in the course of his early life was bereft of four wives, all of whom were buried in the same lot.

In his old age it became necessary to remove the remains to a new cemetery. This he undertook himself, but in the process the bones became hopelessly mixed.

His "New England conscience" would not allow him under the painful circumstances to use the original head stones, so he procured new ones, one of which bore the following inscription:

"Here lies Hannah Church and probably a portion of Emily."

Another:

"Sacred to the memory of Emily Church, who seems to be mixed with Matilda."

Then followed these lines:

Stranger, pause and drop a tear.  
For Emily Church lies buried here.  
Mixed in some perplexing manner  
With Mary, Matilda and probably Hannah.

—Exchange.

## A Bit of English Humor.

An English humorist many years ago hit upon a neat way of scoring against certain politicians of the times. A comic journal, not being a newspaper within the meaning of the act, was prohibited from giving news, and so in place of a parliamentary report the humorist in question reported a few "first lines" from speeches by prominent members: "Sir Charles Wetherell said he was not sensible." "Mr. Hunt was entirely ignorant." "Lord Ashley said he should take the earliest opportunity of moving." "Mr. Percival presented a petition praying." "Colonel Sibthorpe never could understand." "Lord Lyndhurst said he must entreat of every one to give him credit." "Sir Edward Sugden was not one of those who thought." "Mr. Croker said he had the fullest assurance."

## Wonderful Fiddles.

One of the greatest fiddles that ever were known was to be seen at the French court at the time of Charles IX. This was a viol so large that several boys could be placed inside of it. These boys used to sit inside this queer instrument and sing the airs that the man who handled the bow was playing on the viol outside. The effect is said to have been very beautiful, though it would seem as if the presence of the lads in its interior would seriously interfere with the tone of the "great fiddle," as it was called. Many years after another huge instrument of this kind was used at concerts in Boston. It was so large that to play it the fiddler had to stand on a table to use his bow at the proper point on the strings. This instrument was called "the grandfather of fiddles."

## Columbia River Thrice Named.

The Columbia river has had three names. It was first called the Oregon. Afterward it was called the St. Roque, but when it was discovered by Robert Gray in 1792 it was given the name of his vessel, the Columbia, in place of the two floating appellations, Oregon and St. Roque. According to Whitney, the original name of the river was the Oregon, "big ear" or "one that has big ears," the allusion being to the custom of the Indians who were found in its region of stretching their ears by boring them and crowding them with ornaments.

## Both Hate Him.

"Funny thing," remarked Wilson musingly. "Tom Wilkins and Edith Brown used to be great friends of mine. I introduced them to each other. They got married, and now neither of them will speak to me. Wonder what the reason can be?"

## Little Sister—What are goose eggs to a baseball game?

Big Brother—Linnings in which no runs are made. Why do you ask? Little Sister—Oh, I thought they were laid by the fowls of the game. —Chicago News.

How well you live with them, and not how long.

## HUNDREDS PAY LAST RESPECTS TO YOUNG WOMAN

Hundreds of friends paid their last respects this morning to the memory of Miss Lillian Belle Parsons, the young woman who died tragically Friday as the result of burns sustained a week previously. On Sunday there was a constant stream of visitors through the rooms where the body of Miss Parsons lay. Banks of flowers were massed against the wall at one side of the room constituting the last tribute of affection of numerous friends to a popular young woman. Pallbearers were chosen from the Adelphian class of young men from the First Christian Sunday School, this being the organization of which Miss Parsons was for several years a teacher. The body was taken to Monongahela by trolley car for interment in the Monongahela

## SLEEPING IN CHURCH.

It Used to Be Rudely Interrupted in Golden Times in England.

One John Rudge is on record as having been brought to the parish of Trysull, in Shropshire, England, 20 shillings a year to be paid to "a poor man" employed to go about church in summer to keep people awake.

At another English church, that of Acton, in Cheshire, it was the practice during the middle of the last century for one of the churchwardens to proceed through the church during service with a huge wand in his hand where with if any one of the congregation were observed to be asleep he was instantly awakened by a tap on the head.

In Warwickshire a similar custom prevailed. A warden bearing a stout wand shaped like a bay fork at the end stepped stealthily up and down the nave and the aisles, and whenever he saw an individual asleep he touched him so effectively that the nap was broken, this being sometimes accomplished by the application of the fork to the nape of the neck.

A more playful method obtained in another church. The beadle went about during service carrying a long staff, to one end of which was attached a fox's brush and to the other a knob. With the former he gently tickled the faces of the women sleepers, while with the knob he bestowed a sharp rap on the heads of male offenders.—Exchange.

## BITUMINOUS COAL PRODUCTION NOW ON THE INCREASE

"Final figures of production of bituminous coal in Pennsylvania for 1912 will show a heavy increase over the 1911 output," says Edward W. Parker, Statistician for the United States Geological Survey, in a recent article. "Owing to the diverse interests served by the bituminous coal mines of Pennsylvania the industry in that State showed various phases. The largest percentage of increase was probably in the Connellsville and other coking regions, the counties chiefly benefitted being Fayette, Westmoreland and Cambria. Those counties will probably show a total increase of 20 per cent over 1911. The Clearfield and other sections shipping to a seaboard will show an increase of about 8 or 10 per cent, but without adequate returns to the producers some of whom claim that the year was one of the most unsatisfactory in recent history. This was due to contracts made early in the year, when the lack of normal demand in the iron trade forced upon the commercial market the product of mines customarily supplying furnaces and steel mills. Over-production ruled."

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